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**THE WIDOW'S PENSIONS**  
During the closing days of the last Congress a pension law was enacted which places upon the pension roll the nation many additional soldiers' widows who had been dropped for various reasons. Under the new law the widow of any soldier regardless of her age who was married to a soldier prior to or during the war is entitled to a pension of twenty dollars a month. A widow who has attained the age of seventy years will receive the sum of twenty dollars a month if she was married to the soldier prior to 1905. Any widow who was dropped from the pension roll because the remarried will be restored to the pension roll if her second husband is dead or if she has been granted a divorce from him because of his own fault. This includes the widows of Mexican soldiers and the widows of those who served in the navy in the Civil War. This will make a substantial increase in the pension roll and will put many of the injustices that have existed regarding pensions of soldiers' widows for many years back.

**MEXICO REGULATES BOOZE**  
Stringent regulation of the manufacture and sale of pulque, the principal strong drink of Mexico, is ordered by First Chief Carranza in a decree which has just been promulgated at Mexico City. The beverage made from the juice of the maguey plant. The new regulations double the tax on the bringing of pulque into the country, and requires manufacturers of pulque to record with proper authorities details concerning their business. The decree provides that the lands must be used to raise agricultural products as well as pulque. Infractions of the new regulations will be punished by a fine of five times the amount of the taxes, or factory may be closed.

**ICES FROM ENGLAND AND GERMANY**  
Lloyd-George's statement to a correspondent and Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg's speech in Reichstag are alike in one particular. Both declared absolute confidence in the resources of their respective countries and alliances. The fish spokesman deprecates all talk of war at this time. The German spokesman announces Germany's readiness for peace, but neglects to

state or even indicate the terms upon which peace would be acceptable to the German Government. For purposes of publication, at least, he still clings to the belief that Germany cannot be beaten and can in the end secure a peace which will leave her as much of a force in European politics as he was before the war began.  
These two men reflect the opposing attitudes of the British and the German people. The former are convinced they can conquer. The latter no longer look for victory, but hope to avert defeat. They do not now demand indemnities or the annexation of raided provinces. With their enemies multiplying, their resources dwindling, their coasts blockaded, their foreign commerce destroyed, their colonies gone and their armies everywhere on a bad defensive, they would open negotiations for peace in the hope that they could employ their conquests in Europe as a lever to effect a fairly profitable agreement. — Brooklyn Eagle.

**PROTECTION FOR ALL NATIONS**  
Great Britain is very much alive to the importance of establishing a protective tariff policy. For several years past she has felt severely the effects of German competition in her home market and this has curtailed her activities abroad. In the debate on the next tariff bill, which will be reported by a Republican congress, the democrats will not be able to point to the classic example of free-trade, Great Britain, to bolster up their arguments. After the war there will not be a country of any importance under the sun which does not have a protective tariff law of some kind or other.

**BRIDGE STREET PAVING FINISHED THURSDAY**  
Before Thursday evening the paving on Bridge street will be finished. All of the brick are now laid and the engineer is giving them the last inspection before the filler is put on them. The only part remaining to be filled is the section between the river bridge and the railroad tracks. This will probably be finished by noon on Thursday.

The completed pavement gives this city almost two miles of brick street. The paved way extends from the Catholic church on South Bridge street to Ellis avenue on North Bridge. From the Belrockton on East Main street to the river bridge on West Main. And besides this there is two blocks on Pleasant street and one on Pearl. Because the contractors were late in completing the work a celebration may be deferred.

**Parcel Post Entertainment Good**  
The parcel post entertainment given by the Sunday school of the Baptist church Saturday night proved to be very entertaining and successful. There was a large gathering and the parcels were all disposed of in quick time. The receipts were more than \$17, and the school cleared over \$11.  
Some men take to drink naturally and some others are quite willing to be taken.

**MONTCALM Y. M. C. A. IS PLANNED AT MEETING**  
Francis L. Bailey, Heber Blair, George Skellenger, Edgar Parney, J. Outman, Perry Outman, Clyde Stahl, Theodore Barlow and Virgil Hixox went to Greenville Monday evening to attend a banquet of Y. M. C. A. boosters. The banquet was held in Hotel Phelps and was attended by over eighty men of Montcalm county who are interested in the work.  
E. W. Ranney was chairman of the meeting and in charge of the banquet. Secretary C. F. Angell of Ionia was present and spoke as did also Mr. Roberts of New York. Sentiment was strong in the meeting composed of men from all parts of the county, for a county organization. Measures were taken to perfect an organization and secure a county secretary.  
The boys attending from here had a most enjoyable time. When it was found that they had remained at the meeting too long to catch the late train E. W. Ranney gladly brought the boys home.

**Left on First Trip**  
Jesse G. Wilbur was home from Saginaw over Sunday. He has been there getting familiar with his work for Morley Bros. who are extensive dealers in hardware and leather goods.  
Mr. Wilbur looks after the leather goods department. He left Monday morning for Cadillac on his first trip since beginning work for the firm.

**New Idea Club Was Entertained**  
The ladies of the New Idea club entertained their husbands with the annual banquet at Hotel Belding Tuesday evening. Thirteen of the members with their husbands were present. After the excellent banquet served by Mr. Dunham, was partaken of, the members adjourned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl French, where the remainder of the evening was spent in games. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Knapp carried off the honors of the evening.

**Harvest Festival**  
The Ladies' Social Circle will hold their harvest festival Friday and Saturday October 27 and 28. All interested in the society are invited to contribute articles for the sale and any such help will be greatly appreciated.

**National Hotel Leased**  
Mrs. A. J. Avery of Grand Haven was in the city last week and arranged to lease her hotel to Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Lowry, who expect to take possession this week, and begin the work of putting it in shape for business.

**Card of Thanks.**—The undersigned wish to express our thanks to the relatives, friends and neighbors for flowers and kindness shown, and especially the Ladies' Aid society of St. Joseph's parish, the Grange of Belding, the Goodfellowship club, and the Hook and Needle club, during our late bereavement.  
Nicholas P. Werner.  
Edward J. Werner.  
Arthur M. Werner.  
Carl M. Werner.

**SCHOOL LIFE**  
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Louise Lamberton.....Freshman Class

**HIGH SCHOOL NOTES**  
Mysterious looking misadventures on yellow paper in Japanese-Chinese characters, caused a flurry of excitement among Seniors and faculty last Friday. A little patient labor with the key soon disclosed the fact that the Misses Mary Ravell and Helen Lapham are to be hostesses to their classmates and the faculty in the celebration of the merry Halloween.  
The boys Sprague of Vermontville, who was a teacher in High school last year, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hockstad. The new song books for the assembly fill a long-felt need. It has been planned to devote one morning a week to exercises to consist of varied programs of singing, speaking, etc. The singing of songs by the entire school, and the discussion of things that might be learned outside of books, ought to have a place in the routine of school life.  
First term tests are on this week. Some pupils take them very calmly, while others wear a troubled look. There's a reason.

**Why Not Have An Orchestra?**  
Do you know why the High school section of School Life has been rather slim? Ask yourself if you have contributed as much as you might. Don't leave it entirely to the editors to provide all the material. If something funny happens, or if your class does something worthy of mention, report it. School Life is the only medium through which school patrons may get the general news of the school, and each pupil should assume at least a little of the responsibility.

**SECOND WARD NOTES**  
The little people in the kindergarten are enjoying their work very much. The first grade now numbers sixty. Several new ones came in the past week. There are twenty-three in the sub-primary class.  
The children are talking of the home this week.  
The second grade have been learning about Columbus and have started their Indian work.

Keene while there.  
W. F. Deline of Carson City, Minnesota was the guest of Mrs. Chas. G. Ashby Tuesday.

**BELDING BROS. & CO. GIVE RESIDENTS' MOVING PICTURES**  
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where the bales were loaded into ocean steamers and brought to the United States. Arriving in Belding the bales were transferred, by picture, to the local mills and then the pictures became familiar to the hundreds of people who witnessed their showing. Scores of Belding men and women saw themselves working at the machines. Views were also shown of the river, the boarding houses and city streets.  
The silk industry pictures were shown here for the first time in America. They were placed on the canvas at the special request of A. N.

The Freshmen class have chosen green and white for their class colors.  
Monday afternoon the different classes had their pictures taken.  
Carl Huntley, who has been absent on account of a sprained ankle, returned this week. The injury is a reminder of the Grand Ledge game.  
The Seniors have been discussing as to whether they should have a Senior annual or not.  
Gladys Harrison, Elinda Mason and Elizabeth Sontag, all of '16 visited the High school this week.  
Miss Sprague, ex-teacher, renewed acquaintance at school on Tuesday.

**ELLIS SCHOOL NOTES**  
Mrs. Fred Boyer and Mrs. Floyd Boyer, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Moore, and Mrs. Kempfer visited kindergarten last week.  
Miss Jennie Kelley visited the Ellis school Monday forenoon.  
Mrs. Wm. Coney visited the first grade Thursday afternoon.  
Raymond Tiffney from Lakeview visited the first grade Wednesday.  
The children are learning October and Halloween songs this month.  
Reviews and tests are the order of the week.  
The two two grade are learning the poem, "A Boy's Song," for language.

and M. M. Belding so that Belding people might be the first to see the pictures that will both educate the world and advertise Belding in all countries. A. N. Belding, who was here with the managers of the different Belding Bros. & Co. branches, was especially pleased with the scenes and also gratified that the local people came out in such large numbers to see them.  
Miss Marr deserves much credit for her skill in securing the pictures.

**DOLLAR DAY IS HERE**  
\$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00

**DOLLAR DAY**  
—at—  
**Connell's Drug Store**  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21  
**WALL PAPER—**  
Five Rolls Wall.....  
Three Rolls Ceiling.....  
18 Yards Border.....\$1.00  
**One 75c Bottle Melba Toilet Water and One 50c Box Melba Face Powder for.....\$1.00**  
**Five 25c Cakes Woodbury's Facial Soap for.....\$1.00**  
**One 50c Box Palmolive Face Powder and three Cakes Palmolive Soap for.....50c**  
**One 50c Jar Palmolive Vanishing Cream and three Cakes Palmolive Soap for.....50c**  
**One Dollar Bottle Wright's Liquid Smoke and One 50c Jar Wright's Ham Pickle for.....\$1.00**  
**One 60c Package Dr. Hess' Louse Killer and One 60c Package Dr. Hess' Pan-a-cea for.....\$1.00**  
**H. J. CONNELL**  
"THE REXALL STORE"

Try A Banner Want Ad.

**TAKE NOTICE!**  
LAST CALL FOR DOLLAR DAY  
DON'T MISS THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY

**When You Consider Shoes Remember—**  
**"Keith's Konqueror" for Men**  
**"Queen Quality" for Women**  
**Orlo Morse**  
**"EVERYTHING IN FOOTWEAR"**  
**J. DeVlieger & Son**  
Next To Star Theatre West Main Street

**CELRITE GROCERY DOLLAR DAY**  
**14 lbs Sugar \$1.00**  
With a Purchase of \$1.00 or More of Groceries

Large Picnic Hams, each.....	\$1.00
Three lbs. 50c Tea.....	\$1.00
Six Cans Best Red Salmon.....	\$1.00
Twelve Cans 12c Small Sifted June Peas.....	\$1.00
Five lbs. 25c Coffee, fresh roasted.....	\$1.00
26 Bars Flake White Soap.....	\$1.00
25-lb. Sack Pansy Blossom Flour.....	\$1.00

**New Potatoes, per bushel.....\$1.25**  
Borden's Eagle Milk, per can.....15c  
Pink Salmon, best Alaska, can 10c and 12c  
Medium Red Alaska Caught, 15c; 2 for 25c  
Best Red Alaska Caught, 18c; 3 for.....50c  
Three Cans New Peas.....25c  
Two Cans Pineapple, best Hawaiian.....25c  
Large Can Best Peaches.....15c  
Bulk Macaroni, per lb.....7c  
Dried Beef, per glass.....10c  
Boneless Herring, per lb.....18c  
Three lbs. Best Ginger Snaps.....25c  
Three lbs. Fresh Crackers.....25c  
Fancy Lean Bacon, per pound.....24c  
1-lb. Box Best Boneless Codfish.....18c  
20c Sack Dairy Table Salt.....16c

**Peanut Butter per lb. 10c**  
5 lbs. Cracked Rice.....25c  
Two lbs. Best 10c Head Rice.....15c  
Good 4-String Brooms.....35c  
Three Boxes 5c Matches.....10c  
Three pkgs. Kellogg's or Post Toasties.....25c  
Two pkgs. Shredded Wheat.....25c  
Large Can Pork and Beans.....12c  
New Cooking Figs, per pound.....10c  
Five lbs. Yellow Corn Meal.....15c  
Raisins, per pound.....10c

**Pint—20c OYSTERS Quart—40c**  
New Prunes, 2 lbs. for.....15c  
Cranberries, 10c qt.; 3 qts.....25c  
Pure Lard, per lb.....18c  
Cotosuet and Compound.....16c  
Dry Onions, per peck.....50c  
Quaker Corn Flakes, pkg.....6c  
30c Can Instant Postum.....25c  
25c pkg. Postum Cereal.....23c  
Coaline Soap, two for.....15c  
Large pkg. Snow Boy Powder.....15c  
Three Cans Sunbrite Cleanser.....10c  
We Give Auto Tickets with Every 25c Purchase.

**FRESH FISH**  
Lake Perch, per pound.....15c  
Mackinac Trout, per pound.....17c  
Eight Bars Lenox Soap.....25c  
Two Bars Palmolive Soap.....15c  
Six Bars Any 5c Soap.....25c  
Seven lbs. Rolled Oats.....25c  
Ten-lb. Sack Graham Flour.....38c  
Jellycon, any flavor.....8c  
Quart Can Cocoa.....25c  
Fig Bars, per pound.....12c  
Quart Can Mustard.....15c

**WHEN BUTTER IS HIGH Use Ho land Oleomargarine 40c**  
2 pound Brick for.....  
Three pkgs. Macaroni or Spaghetti.....25c  
Best Bean Pork.....14c  
Dry Beans, per pound.....12c  
Large Sack Poultry Charcoal.....10c  
Rub-No-More Soap or Powder, all one kind or assorted, 7 for.....25c  
Three 10c Rolls Crepe Toilet Paper.....15c

**Special 10 POUNDS SWEET POTATOES 25c**  
35c Bottle Vanilla Extract.....25c  
35c Bottle Lemon Extract.....25c  
Ten lbs. Chicken Scratch Feed.....25c  
100-lb. Sack Chicken Scratch Feed.....\$2.25

**FLOUR**  
Why pay more for flour when you can get the best grades at these prices.  
Golden Anchor Flour, per sack.....98c  
Gold Medal Flour.....  
Crescent Flour.....  
Marvel Flour.....  
New Perfection Flour.....  
Best XXXX Flour.....  
**\$1.20**